

## ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 9-76)

56-58 South Potomac Street  
Hagerstown  
Washington County

circa 1820s or 1830s

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SURVEY INVENTORY

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
56-58 South Potomac Street					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
56-58 South Potomac Street					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Hagerstown					
STATE			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME:					
Beulah I. Meyers					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
1013 Potomac Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Hagerstown			Maryland		21740
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Washington County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
95 West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE		
Hagerstown			Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 224-145					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored           </div> <div>(Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Known as 56-58 South Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the building is situated on the east side of the street, at the intersection of Antietam Street (northeast corner), in the first block south of Public Square.</p> <p>The building is an early to mid nineteenth century Neoclassical influenced brick structure. Abutting the sidewalk and the south and west sides and nearly the neighboring structure to the north, the building is two and a half stories high with a gable roof. A two and a half story high el and a further addition project from the east of rear elevation and is in line with the south wall of the main structure. The ridge of the roof runs in a north-south direction.</p> <p>The structure is four bays wide across the facade and is four bays deep plus the four bays along the wing. It has two gable-roofed roof dormers with windows on the front and single interior end chimneys on the north and south sides. The south and west elevations are covered with a new surface of bricking which was applied in recent years. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.</p> <p>The principal facade (west elevation) is symmetrically arranged with four windows on the second story and two shop fronts on the ground floor. The upper story windows probably are original and are the double-hung, wooden sash type with narrow frames and six-over-six lights. The shop fronts were installed in the late 1800s and have been altered in recent years but do still retain the original delineating cornices, end brackets, and surrounds. The south stone front has a diagonally placed doorway on the corner with a vaguely classical, fluted metal column supporting the upper stories. A cornice with small brackets, possibly original in part, runs along the top of the facade.</p> <p>A shelf-like balcony with recent vintage metal balustrades runs along the base of the three northern windows of the facade. A metal fire escape runs across the facade roof, connecting the dormers, and down the north side of the building.</p> <p>Most of the windows of the south or Antietam Street elevation are believed to contain original sashes and frames, including the two in the gable and those of the wing. The windows have six-over-six lights in double-hung, wooden sashes. The two doorways along this side were installed years after the building was erected. The door in the main section was probably opened in the late nineteenth century, and the one in the wing probably a few years ago.</p> <p>A one story brick faced extension was added in recent years to the east end of the wing.</p> <p>A doorway with late nineteenth century decorative detailing similar to that of the store fronts but not identical stands to the north abutting this building and the one to the north. This doorway leads into the open passage between the buildings.</p>	

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

circa 1820s or 1830s

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |   |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |   |  |

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 41' x 121'.

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)	
ORGANIZATION City of Hagerstown	DATE Sept. 21, 1976
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OMB Approved  
No. 1024-0009

REVIEW SHEET

WA-HAG-76

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: 56-58 SOUTH POTOMAC ST., HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Project No.:

Historic District: DOWNTOWN-COMMERCIAL CORE (HAGERSTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE)

6-19-87 date initial application received by State 6-25-87 date(s) additional information requested by State

8-24-87 date complete information received by State 7-13-87 date of this transmittal to NPS

Inspection of property by State staff? no ☒ yes date(s): 4-20-87

☒ There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.

☐ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

NUMBER

This property involves:

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☒ Extensive loss of historic fabric

☒ Significant alterations over time

☐ Preliminary determination of listing

for district

for individual property

☐ Significance less than 50 years old

☒ Obscured or covered elevation(s)

☐ Moved property

☐ State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation

☐ Recommendation different from the applicant's request

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Complete item(s) below as appropriate.

(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as LATE 19TH EARLY 20TH

(2) The property ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in:  
☒ location ☒ design ☒ setting ☐ materials ☐ workmanship ☒ feeling ☐ association

Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section 7, page 9

(3) For properties less than 50 years old:

☐ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.

☐ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.

☐ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.

(4) For preliminary determinations:

A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:

☐ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within        months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)

☐ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on       

☐ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.

☐ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.

☐ Other, explain:       

B. Evaluation of the property:

☐ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation

☐ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation:    A    B    C    D

Criteria Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G

(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:

☐ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.

☐ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

BUILT CIRCA 1830, THIS BUILDING REFLECTS ONE OF THE FEW FEDERAL STYLE BUILDINGS REMAINING IN HAGERSTOWN. AS MENTIONED IN THE ENCLOSED NR DISTRICT NOMINATION, THIS STRUCTURE HAS BEEN ALTERED OVER TIME. IN THIS CASE THE APPLICATION OF "SIMULATED BRICK" PORTLAND CEMENT FORMSTONE. ADDITIONALLY, THE FIRST FLOOR FRONT FACADE WAS CONVERTED TO STOREFRONTS DURING THE VICTORIAN ERA. THE INTERIOR WAS ALSO MODIFIED DURING THE VICTORIAN PERIOD (SOME TRIM AND THE STAIRCASE - MINUS RAIL - REMAIN) AS WELL AS IN A 1940'S REHAB.

ALTHOUGH THE EXTERIOR MASONRY HAS BEEN COVERED WITH A TYPE OF FORMSTONE AND THE INTERIOR HAS BEEN REWORKED SEVERAL TIMES, THIS OFFICE FEELS THAT THE STRUCTURE RETAINS ITS OVERALL INTEGRITY PRIMARILY THROUGH ITS FORM, FENESTRATION, ORIENTATION TO THE STREET AND THE DECORATIVE FEATURES OF THE STOREFRONTS.

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State Official Recommendation: to be reviewed

- By: This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.
- ☒ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
  - ☐ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
  - ☐ The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
  - ☐ The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
  - ☐ The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
  - ☐ The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
    - ☐ potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
    - ☐ registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
  - ☐ The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
  - ☐ Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

Detailed NPS review recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Precedent-setting case \_\_\_\_\_ Forwarded without recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

9-21-87  
Date

*[Signature]*  
State Official Signature

See attachments:

NPS Comments:



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

JUN 19 1987

NPS Office Use Only

Project No:

RIS No:

MARYLAND HISTORICAL  
TRUST

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received.  
Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: Sekula Property  
Address of property: Street 54, 56 and 58 South Potomac Street  
City Hagerstown County Washington State Maryland Zip 21740

Name of historic district: Downtown Commercial Core Historic District

☒ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.  
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.  
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name Eleanor Lakin Architect, AIA  
Street 879 Commonwealth Avenue City Hagerstown  
State Maryland Zip 21740 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 791-2922

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$16,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name Charles Sekula Signature [Signature] Date 6/1/87

Organization [Blank]  
Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number 295-50-2861  
Street Old Forge Road City Hagerstown  
State Maryland Zip 21740 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 797-6204

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.  
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.  
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

National Park Service Office/Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ See Attachments

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—  
PART 1

WA-446-76  
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Sekula Property

Property Name

54,56,58 South Potomac Street

Property Address Hagerstown, Maryland

Project Number:

5. Description of physical appearance:

The Sekula Building is a two-story c. 1830 masonry building, four bays wide and four bays deep with a four bay wide "ell" facing Antietam Street. During a c. 1940's renovation, the west front facade elevation and the south facade were faced with a (simulated brick) concrete surface treatment on all the exposed exterior walls, with the exception of the north wall adjacent to the Masonic Temple.

During the 1940's-50's renovation work, a one-story rectangular brick addition, with a flat roof was constructed on the east gable end elevation of the ell. A narrow wood frame structure was attached to the left of the original brick building on the north exterior wall. This section was added when the late Victorian storefronts were installed.

(See attached continuation sheet)

Date of Construction: c. 1830

Source of Date: Existing evidence and research.

Date(s) of Alteration(s): Various later additions.

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when?

6. Statement of significance:

(See attached continuation sheet)

7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: ☐ yes ☐ no

## CONTINUATION/AMENDMENT SHEET

WA-NAG-76

Sekula Property

Historic Preservation  
Certification Application

Property Name

4,56 and 58 South Potomac St.

Property Address Hagerstown, Maryland

(Description of Physical Appearance)

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This sheet: ☒ continues Part 1 ☐ continues Part 2 ☐ amends Part 1 ☐ amends Part 2 NPS Project Number:

The building was originally built as a dwelling. The front elevation could have had a center door flanked by two (2) windows on either side. The first floor elevations were altered and a commercial storefront installed about 1907. At this time major portions of brick masonry were removed, steel beams and cast iron corner post (1 column) were installed to provide openings for the late Victorian wood and glass storefront.

The most recent brick addition to the building was constructed between 1940-50 and contains apartment space. This portion of the building is not significant to the structure. The second floor and attic space of the building as well as the second and first floor of the "ell" are divided into apartments.

There are no traces of significant original interior trim or molding in the first floor of the front portion of the building remaining. No fireplace mantles remain and the flooring has been replaced. Diagonally laid narrow board maple flooring installed early in the 20th C. The exterior windows in the original house and the ell are over 6, double-hung sash. The late Victorian windows are 2 over 2. During early 20th C. alterations, the double-hung sash were removed when the brick front was removed at the 1st floor; so that large windows with wooden panels underneath could be installed. A portion of this storefront was removed in the 20th C. and the present inappropriate pseudo colonial storefront consisting of horizontal wood siding and small light storefront windows and door were added.

Extensive interior alterations made between 1940-50 included removal of original trim as well as the handrail and balusters from the period stairway in the "ell". They were replaced by a 20th C. wrought iron handrail and balusters.

Name GOTTHARD G. SEKULA

Signature

Date 6-29-87

Street RT. #10 BOX 87

City HAGERSTOWN

State MD. Zip 21740

Daytime Telephone Number 797-6204

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- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No.

☐ See Attachments

CONTINUATION/AMENDMENT SHEET

Historic Preservation  
Certification Application

Property Name

Property Address

1. Description of the property and its location. The property is located at [address] and is a [description of property]. It is situated in the [neighborhood] area of [city], [state]. The property is a [type of building] and is currently used as a [current use]. The property is owned by [owner name] and is being submitted for certification by [applicant name].

2. Description of the historic significance of the property. The property is significant for its [reasons for significance]. It is a good example of [architectural style] and is associated with [historical event or person]. The property is also significant for its [other reasons for significance].

3. Description of the proposed project. The proposed project is a [description of project]. It involves [description of work to be done]. The project is being undertaken by [contractor name] and is expected to be completed by [completion date].

4. Description of the impact of the project on the historic significance of the property. The project is expected to have a [description of impact] on the historic significance of the property. It is expected that the project will [describe impact].

5. Description of the measures to be taken to preserve the historic significance of the property. The measures to be taken to preserve the historic significance of the property are [description of measures]. These measures include [description of measures].

6. Description of the funding for the project. The project is funded by [description of funding]. The total cost of the project is [total cost] and the amount of funding received is [amount of funding].

7. Description of the public involvement in the project. The public involvement in the project is [description of public involvement]. This includes [description of public involvement].

8. Description of the monitoring and evaluation of the project. The monitoring and evaluation of the project is [description of monitoring and evaluation]. This includes [description of monitoring and evaluation].

9. Description of the conclusion of the project. The conclusion of the project is [description of conclusion]. This includes [description of conclusion].

# CONTINUATION/AMENDMENT SHEET

WA-HAG-76

Sekula Property  
Property Name

Historic Preservation  
Certification Application

54, 56 and 58 South Potomac Street  
Property Address  
Hagerstown, Maryland

Two deeds, one dated August 27, 1898 and one dated March 7, 1889 conveyed a double two-story brick building from Samuel Seibert to Harry and Sarah Eavey for \$2,650.00.

On April 24, 1906 the property was purchased by Thomas B. South for \$18,000.00 (Liber 123, Folio 733).

The structure has evolved from a modest two-story, c. 1830 dwelling into a building with mixed uses. It was altered for commercial use at the first floor level and has remained in commercial use until the present, contributing to twentieth century commercial history of Hagerstown for possibly more than 87 years.

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The Sekula Building is located on the corner of Potomac Street and Antietam Street, a key corner and an important anchor element in the streetscape.

Thomas B. South was probably the first person to operate a commercial business in the building. South purchased the building from Lizzie and Viola and Della I. Updegraff on April 24, 1906.

J. Frank and Walter Roessner bought the building from South on April 20, 1921. South was probably the person who altered the building and installed the wood and glass storefronts and the corner entrance.

Early postcards taken during the 1st quarter of the 20th C., indicate that the first floor housed a store, probably a grocery type store.

The building has contributed to commerce in downtown Hagerstown throughout the 20th century; and has thereby contributed to the Hagerstown Commercial Core Historic District.

Land records indicate that when the executors for John Robinson and John G. Young sold the property located at the corner of Potomac and East Antietam (Lot 107) to Jacob and Elizabeth Stoner, with a deed dated November 12, 1847, for the amount of \$600.00, it was described as follows: All that weather boarded dwelling house and half lot of ground belonging to Anna Barr, deceased (no deed given), marked Lot 107 on the Plat of Hagerstown. (Liber IN2, Folio 887)

Samuel Seibert purchased a two-story weatherboarded dwelling house and a half-ground lot situated on the corner of Potomac and East Antietam with 41 foot front and runs back 240 feet, and known as Half Lot #107. He paid \$1,140.00 to the Stoner heirs, Elizabeth, Cyrus, Sarah and Isaiah Stoner, February 14, 1861 (Liber 15, Folio 426)

Name GOTTHARD G. SEKULA

Signature [Signature]

(Liber 93, Folio 253)

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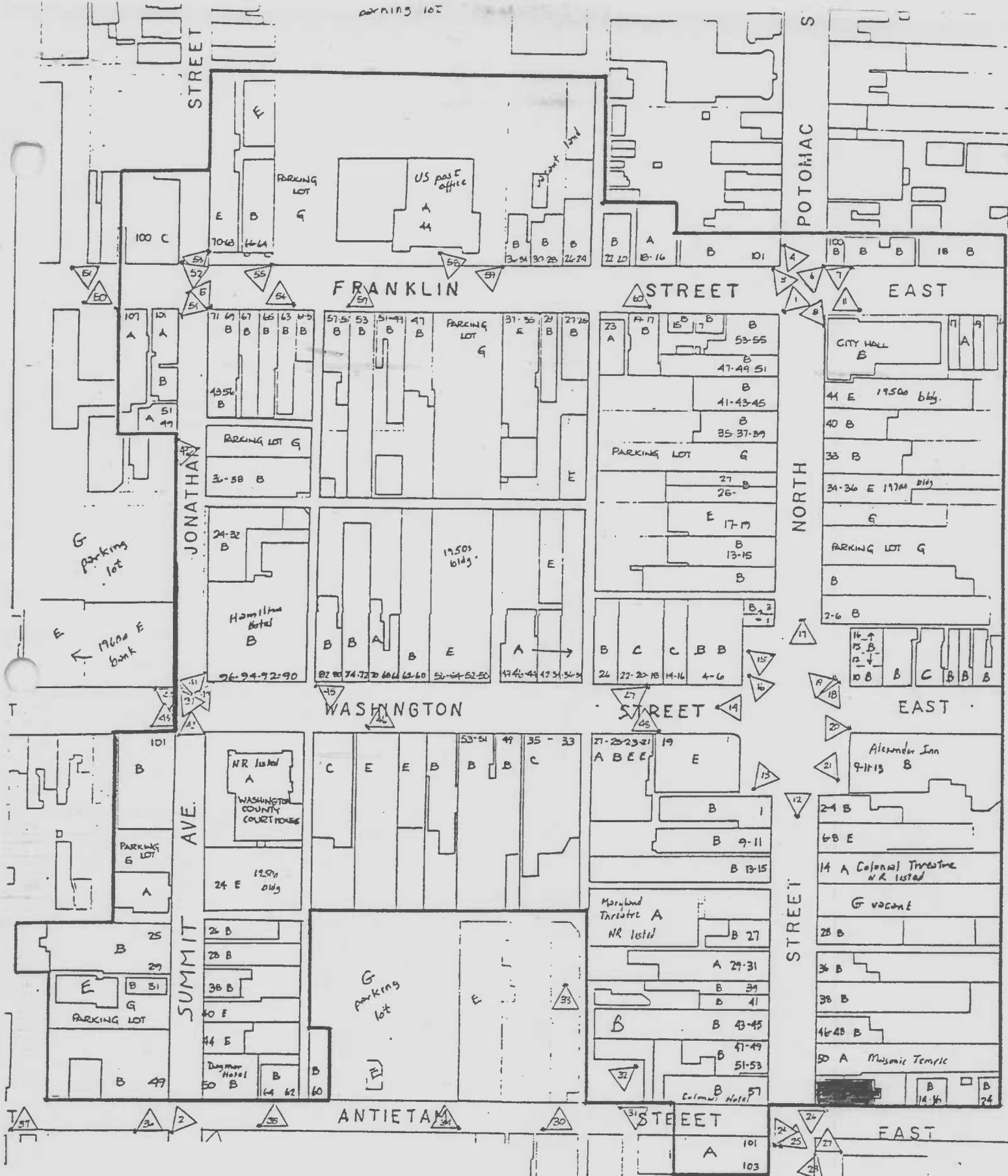
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- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
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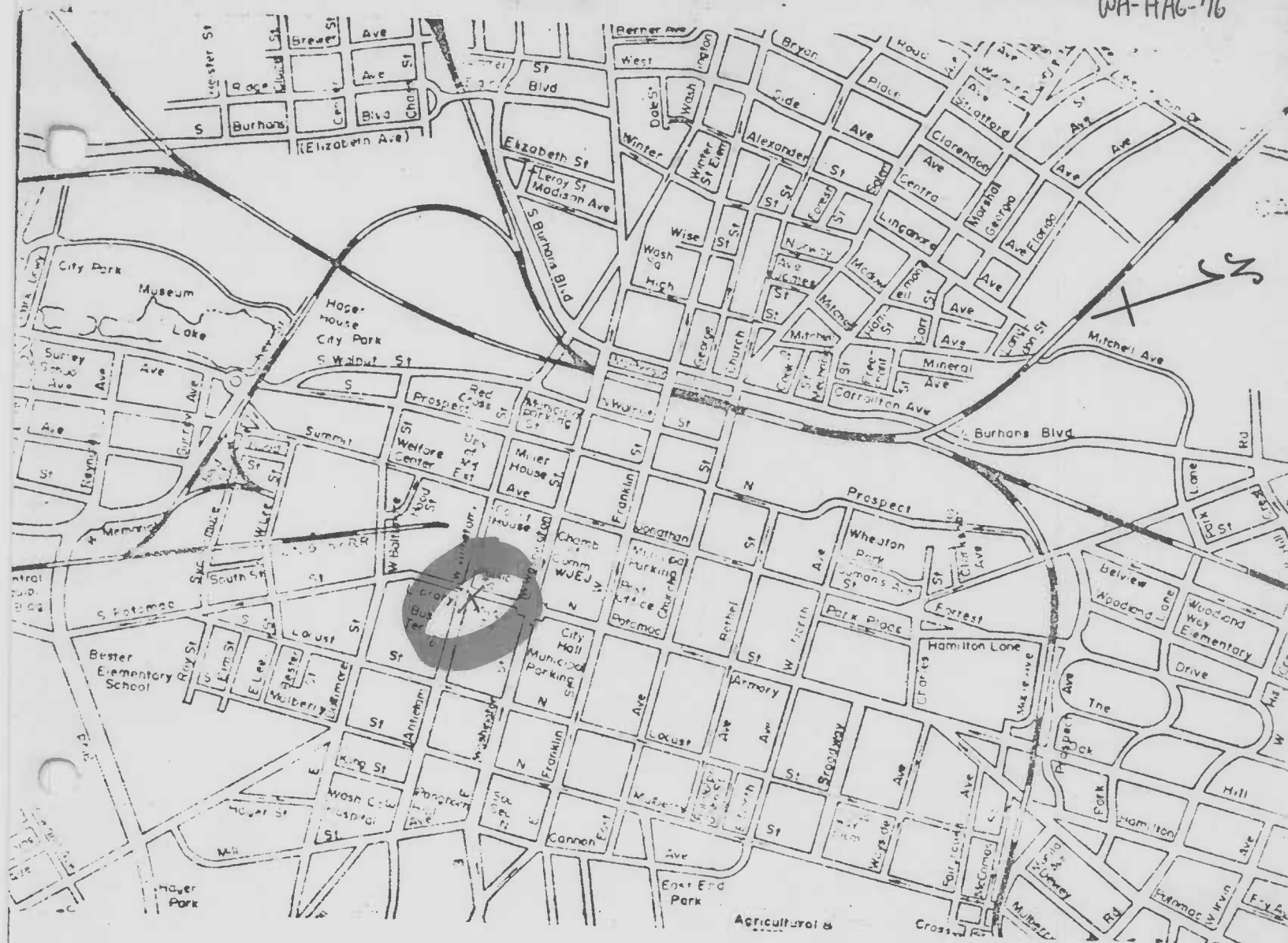


each building is identified as to contributive value to significance of the district - see reverse of map for code identification

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map: City of Hagerstown,  
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City Engineering Dept.  
July, 1970  
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SW view

October, 1975

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